

REMARKS:

Through inadvertent errors, the copy of the specification text originally submitted was not the final version. This was discovered by the inventor who made the numerous corrections listed above (and in the Substitute Specification) to bring the text into accord with her final version. Because of the number of minor corrections, a substitute specification is provided attached hereto. The changes are largely made to correct obvious typographical errors. In some instances sentences or paragraphs have been reworded. However, such rewording does not materially add to or subtract from the invention as originally described. Therefore, no new matter has been added by these amendments. The amendments are entirely intended to improve the readability for the Examiner and for the public audience for which the patent is intended. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the above amendments to the specification.

Claim amendments have been made to clarify the original claims and to add new claims that cover aspects of the invention that were not originally covered by claims. These amendments are not made in response to prior art and do not add any new matter. For example, "naturally occurring water" has been changed to "safe water". The specification discusses the importance of basing the product on safe water that is free of contaminants, etc. On consideration Applicant decided that "naturally occurring" was confusing since all water is naturally occurring and yet the claim seemed to imply something further.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number listed to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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